

PDP COMMODITY
SAMPLE FACT SHEET
(effective 07/01/02)

PRODUCT: Fresh Spinach (SP)

SAMPLING PROCEDURES: Sampling begins July 1, 2002. Spinach will be sampled for two (2) years continuing through September 2003. Spinach will be sampled at the single rate.

For year 1, fresh spinach (bulk or 100% prepackaged spinach) will be sampled.

For year 2, *canned spinach* will be sampled for 6 months and *frozen spinach* will be sampled for 6 months.

VARIETIES: If the variety is easily identified on the can or package, enter that information in the "Variety" field of the Sample Information Form (SIF). If the variety is not available, leave the "Variety" field blank. Sample collectors should not enter the brand or trade name (i.e, Dole, Libby's) on the SIF.

AVAILABILITY: Year round.

SAMPLE SIZE: 3 pounds

UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS: Spinach salad mixtures.

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING: Fresh spinach is considered a delicate fresh commodity and should be packaged in accordance with SAMP PROC 5, Collection, Packaging, and Shipping of Delicate Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

All spinach samples, including California and Maryland, will be shipped to the Texas laboratory (TX1).

RECOMMENDED TRANSPORT CONDITIONS:

- Desired transit temperature: 32 degrees F (0 degrees C)
- Desired relative humidity: 95-100 percent
- Highest freezing point: 31.5 degrees F (-0.3 degrees C)

ETHYLENE PRODUCER/SENSITIVE: Yes.